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Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar:—"May I know whether it is the intention of the Government to make the present hospital look like an efficient hospital or to keep it in its present condition?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"Government do not want that this hospital should remain in an inefficient condition, but if we find funds we will improve its condition."

B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur:—"May I know, Sir, whether there is any proposal to take up the Sanatorium at Tambaram under Government management?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"That is what I have already stated, that Government are proposing to take up the Tambaram Sanatorium under their management."

Examination of samples and stomach contents by the Government Chemical Examiner during the year 1934–35.

* 591 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many samples and stomach contents were received and examined by the Chemical Examiner to the Government of Madras during the year 1934–35; and

(*b*) the actual cost for examining each sample and stomach contents?

A.—(*a*) The following statement shows the number of cases dealt with and the number of articles analysed by the Chemical Examiner during 1934–35:—

	Cases.	Articles.
Human poisoning cases	337	2,007
Animal do.	19	71
Stain cases	999	5,192
Miscellaneous Medico-legal	99	598
General analysis	154	154
Total	1,608	8,022

(*b*) It is not possible to work out the actual cost for examining each sample and stomach contents.

Need for the present staff at the Pasteur Institute, Coonoor.

* 592 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether after the adoption of the policy of giving anti-rabic treatment in all district headquarters hospitals, the continuation of the present staff of the Pasteur Institute, Coonoor, has been found necessary; and

(*b*) whether the question of appointing the Director on a lower scale of pay has been considered?

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A.—(*a*) The continuation of the existing staff in the institute is necessary as the institute still continues to be a main centre for anti-rabic treatment and is the *only* place where anti-rabic vaccine is prepared. The institute also trains medical officers in anti-rabic treatment and does research work on the subject.

(*b*) No.

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—" May I know the reason why Government still persist in continuing the existing staff since the anti-rabic treatment is now done in all district headquarter hospitals, and since only vaccine is prepared in Coonoor and only certain cases are treated there? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" As the answer says, medical officers are trained there in anti-rabic treatment."

Representations for opening a rural dispensary at Komarapalayam, Salem district.

* 593 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any proposals for opening new rural dispensaries during the year 1936–37 and if so, how many and in which of the places;

(*b*) whether any representations have been received from the people of Komarapalayam town in Salem district to sanction one for their place on the ground that it is a populous one and that they are refused medical aid at Bhavani in Coimbatore district though it is close by; and

(*c*) if so, in what way they have been disposed of?

A.—(*a*) There are no proposals for the opening of rural dispensaries in 1936–37 subsidized by Government.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" May I know why Government have not provided any rural dispensaries subsidized by Government in the coming year? Is it because the Government feel that there is sufficient medical aid now? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" There is no money."

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Qualifications and functions of the Assistant Directors of Public Health.

* 594 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the jurisdiction and headquarters of the four Assistant Directors of Public Health;